

CANADA WON'T BE COMFORTED.

[She doesn't like the decision of the commissioners in the Alaskan boundary dispute.]



Mother England: "There, there; don't cry! Just see what a pretty rattle for baby!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

PERIL IN GRAVY EATING

Senator Pettus Points Out Its Deleterious Effect.

SHORTENS THE LIFE OF MANKIND

That is the Gastronomical Warning of the Youthful Alabama Statesman at the Age of Eighty-three—The Sooner Gravy Is Banished From Our Diet, He Says, the Better Will Be Coming Generation's Health.

"Young man," said Senator Pettus of Alabama, aged eighty-three, to a Washington correspondent, "the reason people get fat is because they eat too much gravy with their meat. Observe me. The Congressional Directory says I am eighty-three. Maybe I am, but I don't feel that old by forty years. I have never eaten much gravy. I was raised on a plain diet, and I have lived on it all my life. In this day gravy is called sauce. I know. It's a French word that means gravy, and if it had not been given a French name by the English speaking races I dare say not so much of it would be eaten. It is shortening the life of the race, just like so many other French abominations are, and the sooner we banish it from our diet the better will be the health of the generation of young men and women coming on to take our places.

"Now, mark you, I don't object to a little gravy on my meat, but just a little—just enough to aid deglutition. It does not aid digestion at all, you know. On the contrary, it harms it—first, by interfering with the functions of the salivary glands, then by preventing the gastric juices from doing their perfect work, and finally by neutralizing the action of the alimentary juices. So I tell you to quit eating gravy on your meats. If you prefer to call it sauce, all right; but, by whatever name you designate it, by all means stop soaking your meats in it before eating them.

"A little of the natural juices of the meats, even if occasionally thickened with flour to give the gravy consistency, is not harmful; but, since the race is running to sauces, I am loath even to hint at the harmlessness of this."

"But, senator," the young man protested, "maybe it's your habits that have preserved you in perfect health to such a ripe old age. Haven't your habits been always regular? No late hours and all that sort of thing, eh?"

"My habits, young man," replied the fine old Alabama statesman, with a snort of rage and defiance, "have always been like the verb—regular, irregular and defective, begad, sir."

CARNEGIE AND THE VICAR.

Odd Tiff In Which the Millionaire Came Out Ahead.

Andrew Carnegie has been having a pretty tiff with a parson lately and has come out ahead, says the London correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The trouble was over an offer of \$50,000 which Carnegie made recently to the town of Ilford, in Essexshire, England, for the establishment of a library. The rector of the parish church, who seems to be a sort of local Sarnorola, told his congregation that what they wanted was not trashy novels, but bibles in which to burn them. This and other remarks attacking Mr. Carnegie angered the millionaire so much that he wired immediately withdrawing the offer. His decision caused such a storm in the little Essex town that the vicar's church was practically boycotted, and the vicar's life was made miserable. Parishioners who had hitherto respected him would pass him by without recognition. Members of the town council, who favored the acceptance of the offer, appealed to Mr. Carnegie to reconsider his decision, but he insisted on an apology from the vicar, and this the vicar steadfastly refused to do.

At last it was decided that a delegation be sent to Skibo and appeal to the great man personally. The strained relations of the vicar and his congregation were put vividly before him, and then, after consulting his secretary, he yielded. "After all," said he, "this vicar of Ilford is but one man, with, I suppose, one ordinary man's intelligence, and as it appears now that he has not much following in regard to his opinions about the education of the working classes, you can have the \$50,000, and it is to be hoped that the vicar will never condescend to borrow a book out of the library."

Cannon as Speaker and "Uncle Joe." An old friend walked into the room of the committee on appropriations in the house the other day, says the Washington correspondent of the New York World, and said to "Uncle Joe" Cannon, who was there waiting to be surprised by the news that he had been elected speaker, "I came in to pay my last farewell to Joe Cannon."

"What's the matter?" asked Cannon. "Going away or going to die?" "Neither, but in a few minutes it will be Speaker Cannon, and I am afraid that will be the end of 'Uncle Joe.'"

"Don't you believe it," Cannon replied warmly. "Of course I'll be the speaker when I am in there, but there'll be plenty of times when I'll be plain Joe Cannon."

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